

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

- a housing;
- a charger disposed within the housing;
- a receptacle in the charger;
- a battery pack, detachably connectable to a power tool, mounted in the receptacle;
- an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger;
- a first electrical circuit for charging the battery pack and for powering the audio circuit;

and

- a cable connector for connecting the first electrical circuit to a an AC power source.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 21 wherein ~~the connector is adapted for connection to an AC power source, and~~ the apparatus further comprising a second electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from the an AC power source.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

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Claim 24 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a housing;

a charger disposed within the housing for charging a power tool battery pack detachably connectable to a power tool;

an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger;

a power supply circuit disposed within the housing for providing power to at least one of the charger and the audio circuit; and

a cable connector for connecting the power supply circuit to a an AC power source.

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising an electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from ~~an~~ the AC power source.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A method for charging a power tool battery pack comprising:

providing an audio equipment component having a housing, a power supply disposed within the housing, a charger disposed within the housing, an audio circuit disposed within the housing for producing an audio signal comprising audio unrelated to the charger, the audio circuit being connected to the power supply;

connecting the power supply to an AC power source via a cable;

connecting the charger to the power supply;  
connecting the battery pack to the charger;  
providing power to the battery pack; and  
disconnecting the battery pack from the charger.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, further comprising inserting the battery pack into a power tool.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, further comprising providing power to the audio circuit while providing power to the battery pack.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, further comprising manually switching the power supply to provide power to the audio circuit from the battery pack.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 33 (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:

a housing;  
an audio circuit for producing an audio signal disposed in the housing;  
a charger disposed in the housing;  
a receptacle in the charger;  
a battery pack detachably connectable in a power tool mounted in the receptacle;  
a first electrical circuit in the charger for charging the battery pack and for powering the audio circuit; and

a cable connector for connecting the first electrical circuit to a an AC power source.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 33 wherein ~~the connector is adapted for connection to an AC power source, and~~ the apparatus further comprising a second electrical circuit connectable to the battery pack for powering the audio circuit when the connector is disconnected from ~~an~~ the AC power source.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the audio circuit is a radio circuit.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A method for charging a power tool battery pack comprising:

providing an audio equipment component having a power supply, a circuit for producing an audio signal connected to the power supply and a charger connected to the power supply; disposing the battery pack in the charger;

connecting the power supply to an AC power source via a cable;

providing power to the battery pack; and

removing the battery pack from the charger.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of claim 34, further comprising inserting the battery pack into a power tool.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of claim 34, further comprising providing power to the audio signal circuit while providing power to the battery pack.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of claim 34, further comprising manually switching the power supply to provide power to the audio signal circuit from the battery pack.